

**MINUTES
CITY OF VON ORMY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 18th, 2009**

1) CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Art Martinez de Vara called the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Von Ormy to order at 7:00 p.m. on the 18th day of February, 2009, in the Parish Hall of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 13466 IH 35 South, Von Ormy, Texas. All Present.

THOSE PRESENT INCLUDED: Mayor Art Martinez de Vara, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla, Councilmember James Sweeney, Councilmember Sammy Martinez, Councilmember Leonardo Ruiz and Councilmember Verna Hernandez.

2) INVOCATION: Invocation made by Fr. James Janish of Sacred Heart Catholic Church Von Ormy.

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Art Martinez de Vara led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4) CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: Three (3) citizens were heard.

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR PRIOR MEETING: Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla, seconded by Councilman Leonard Ruiz to approve the February 4th, 2009 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 5 to 0.

6) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT FOR CITY ATTORNEY: Motion made by Councilman James Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Sammy Martinez, to approve Mayor's appointment for City Attorney Robert W. Wilson of The Law Offices of Gail, Wilson and Sanchez. Motion carried 5 to 0.

7) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT FOR GRANT WRITER: Motion made by Councilman Leonard Ruiz, seconded by Councilman James Sweeney to table this item until next regular meeting. Motion carried 5 to 0.

8) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SISTER CITY (MARIN, NUEVO LEON, MEXICO) SIGNING CEREMONIES:

Mayor announced that signing ceremonies will take place at Sacred Heart Catholic Church June 2009 Festival, and in Marin, Mexico on July 19th, 2009.

9) ANNOUNCE BULK ORDER OF CITY OF VON RMY FLAGS:

Council handed out a price list of flag cost from The Dixie Flag Mfg. Company.

10) DISCUSSION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS: VON ORMY SPRING CLEANING:

Council announced that Volunteer James Barnes will lead The Von Ormy Community Service Spring Cleaning. It is planned to take place on March 21, 2009. Allied Waste will donate all equipment needed to dispose of all trash collected.

11) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ISSUING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING:

Council discussed proposals no action.

12) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER GRANTING THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES TEMPORARY AUTHORITY TO ISSUE HEALTH PERMITS AND CONDUCT HEALTH INSPECTIONS IN THE CITY:

Motion made by Councilman Leonard Ruiz, seconded by Councilman Sammy Martinez to temporarily authorize The Texas Department of State Health Services to issue health permits and conduct health inspection in the City of Von Ormy.

Motion carried 5 to 0.

13) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ESTABLISHING PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ORDINANCE AND SELECTION OF CONTRACT INSPECTOR:

Motion made by Councilman Sammy Martinez, seconded by Councilman James Sweeney to table until next Regular Meeting. Motion carried 5 to 0.

14) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT FOR DESIGNATION OF HEALTH AUTHORITY:

Motion made by Councilman Sammy Martinez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla to accept agreement. Motion carried 5 to 0.

15) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE, ADOPTING A TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009 BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2008 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009:

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla, seconded by Councilwoman Verna Hernandez to adopt proposed tax rate of .39 cents on \$100.00 of property value. Motion carried 5 to 0.

16) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF VON ORMY, TEXAS FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2008 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009; AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF VON ORMY FOR THE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR:

Motion made by Councilman Sammy Martinez, seconded James Sweeney, to adopt and ordinance making appropriation for the support of the City of Von Ormy, Texas for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2008 and ending September 30, 2009. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla, seconded by Councilman James Sweeney to adopt the Annual Budget for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year as amended. Motion carried 5 to 0.

17) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CITY FEDERAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST FOR 2009:

Motion made by Councilman Sammy Martinez, seconded by Councilman James Sweeney to accept an Appropriation Request of the City of Von Ormy for a Waste Water (Sewer) Construction Project. Motion carried 5 to 0.

18) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PRIORITIES FOR STIMULUS PACKAGE REQUESTS:

Council gave permission to submit the following as the Cities priorities for the Stimulus Package Requests;

- 1) Waste water/sewer
- 2) Law Enforcement
- 3) Community Center
- 4) Infrastructure

19) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A NOTICE AND ORDER FOR SPECIAL CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 9, 2009, FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

- a. Sales and Use Tax Election;
- b. Street Maintenance Tax Election;
- c. 4A Sales and Use Tax Election; and
- d. 4B Sales and Use Tax Election.

Motion made by Councilman James Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Sammy Martinez for Special City Election Notice of Sales Tax to read as follows;
Sales and Use Tax .01 cent (one cent); Street Maintenance Tax ¼ cent (one fourth cent); 4A Sales and Use Tax ¼ cent (one fourth cent); and 4B Sales and Use Tax ½ cent (one half cent)
Motion carried 5 to 0.

20) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGE, ALTERNATE ELECTION JUDGE AND TO SET COMPENSATION FOR ALL ELECTION WORKERS:

Motion made by Councilman Sammy Martinez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla to appoint City Clerk, Julia Hernandez as Election Judge, Mike Suarez as Alternate Judge. City Clerk is to appoint one more election worker. Compensation was also set for all election workers.

21) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTING AN ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH BEXAR COUNTY FOR THE CONDUCT AND/OR EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO CONDUCT THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 9, 2009:

Motion made by Councilman Leonard Ruiz, seconded by Councilwoman Verna Hernandez to adopt an Election Services Contract with Bexar County for the May 9, 2009 Elections. Motion carried 5 to 0.

22) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SETTING DATES FOR EXTENDED HOURS FOR EARLY VOTING.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla, seconded by Councilman Sammy Martinez to set dates and hours same as Bexar County. Motion carried 5 to 0.

23)DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS CB 4231B BLK 3 LOT 7 & S IRR 945.34 FT OF 7 (17.30) and CB 4231 P-8 ABS 372:

Council went into private session at 8:38 p.m. and returned at 8:41 p.m.

No action, no discussion.

24) TASK FORCE REPORTS:

- a. Infrastructure – Councilman Sweeney, Chair
 - i. US Department of Agriculture sewer planning grant
 - ii. Utility Service Agreement with SAWS for Sewer
 - b. Traffic Task Force
 - c. Emergency Services Task Force
- a. Councilman James Sweeney, Chair of Infrastructure Task Force suggested to commence having meetings every fourth (4th) Thursday of the month beginning Thursday February 26, 2009 to discuss the sewer planning.
- b. Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla reported to council the options for purchasing police vehicles.
- c. Emergency Services Task Force had no report at this time.

25) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF FIREWORK TASK FORCE ON THE SALE AND USE OF FIREWORKS:

Motion made by Councilman Sammy Martinez, seconded by Councilman Leonard Ruiz to pass a Resolution at this time on the sale and use of fireworks. Motion carried 3 to 2 opposed. Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla and Councilwoman Verna Hernandez opposed.

Resolution reads as follows;

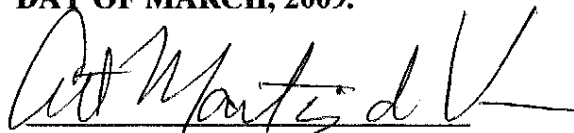
Until and when an Ordinance on the use of fireworks is passed by the City Council of Von Ormy, Texas the following resolution shall apply. If the National Weather Service establishes that Bexar County and the surrounding areas are in extreme drought conditions then the City of Von Ormy, Texas will ban the sale and use of fireworks within the boundaries of the City of Von Ormy.

A Special Meeting to pass an ordinance for the sale and use of fireworks was set for Monday February 23, 2009.

26) ADJOURN

Motion made by Councilman Sammy Martinez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Alex Quintanilla to adjourn meeting. Motion carried 5 to 0.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 4TH DAY OF MARCH, 2009.



ART MARTINEZ DE VARA,
MAYOR

ATTEST:



JULIA ANN HERNANDEZ,
CITY CLERK